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Snohomish County nursing assistant's credential immediately suspended

Man accused of sexual activity with mentally ill teen patient

OLYMPIA — Charges of sexual contact with a mentally ill teenage patient have led the Washington State Department of Health to immediately suspend the nursing assistant credential of Thomas L. Lott, Lynnwood. The alleged sexual activity with a 15-year-old patient occurred at Fircrest Residential Habilitation Center in Shoreline, where Lott was an attendant counselor.

This action, called a summary suspension, means Lott (NC10036300) cannot practice or be employed as a nursing assistant in Washington pending the outcome of a hearing.

Charging documents allege Lott entered the patient's room and closed the door, told the patient he'd dreamt of having sex with the teenager, exposed himself, and had oral sex with the patient.

Lott has been criminally charged by the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office with second-degree child rape.

Lott has 20 days to request a hearing. The charging documents are online; click "Provider Credential Search" on the [agency home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). They are also available by calling 360-236-4700.

The department protects and promotes public health, safety, and welfare in Washington by regulating the competency and quality of nursing assistants. Rules, policies, and procedures developed by the secretary promote delivery of quality health care to state residents.

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